

Channing Hove. June 8th 1843

Saturday morning

Dear Caroline & Deborah,

I am ready writing in haste
& my hand trembles with the flurry of a ~~Wednesday~~
morning. But I will do my best. Last ~~Wednesday~~
W. Coffin came for my letter. He took Foster here &
went on his way. That morning in the Convener the
question of funds came up & money was pledged. Wendell
gave \$100. Robt gave \$10 & sundry other sum were
pledged, but not so much as would have been had it
not been for the entreaty at N.Y. We could not call
out that we were the Ex. Com. I say we would
have the money. Foster got up & made a foolish &
mischievous speech in which he spoke as though the
present Ex. Com. were hardly to be trusted. He spoke
very hardly of Mr. Childs and in short said a good deal
of mischief. Wendell answered him & the next day
Foster made some explanation & apology & said he wished
to be understood as saying that he had the most
perfect confidence in the present Ex. Com. Then the
Church resolutions were taken up and argued. I cannot
tell you the order in which the things come up. But Wendell
spoke very well contending for the original resolution &
against the church question proper. Rogers, Peter Dibbley of
Me & the Jarvises dined here. All the afternoon the church
question was bottled. The Tabernacle was perfectly
thronged. A young fool from Cambridge Theological
Sem. spoke. Then Douglas spoke very well, were for
the original Res. (~~Mr. Wm. Brewster~~ ~~Mr. Wm. Brewster~~ ~~Mr. Wm. Brewster~~)
~~Mr. Wm. Brewster~~ He was there, ~~for a few moments~~ but for a few
hours & this was the only time of speaking, but
~~the Ministers were all present~~ ~~the Ministers were all present~~ ~~the Ministers were all present~~ He thought the
ministers went to bed, & that we had passed too

much on one string. Recd our letter, but he shew'd
still a jealousy of Douglass. Then he injur'd his speech
during gave up the chair & spoke very finely & the meeting
adjourned to Faneuil Hall. No one at the but the
various. The evening meeting was as satisfactory a one
as I ever attended. You can say of no one thing that
you wished it had gone differently. The house was
stronger, crammed, above & below with a most respectable
audience. Many Boston people. Edm and friend
with perfect dignity. He presented Garrison in a
next little speech, & he spoke very well, & then
read his address to the slaves which was pronounced
admirable. It was received in the most enthusiastic
manner. Channing of N.Y. record'd it in a most beautiful
and religious speech. He seemed hardly able to tell his
friends what he thought of Garrison. Recd our spike beau-
tifully, said no more than just the thing he ought.
Latimer was shown on the platform & the seventeen
for his wife read. Douglass made a short reply during
speech, & Mrs. Wendell followed with the letter to Pres.
Tyler. To this he spoke and spoke ^{sung} ~~sung~~ ^{sung} well. All through the
evening, the Hutchinsons & had spoken and spoken beau-
tifully. Their last song was better than all that
preceded it and the meeting broke up in a blaze of
glory. Garrison was thought to have express'd it well
when he said "a precious evening was drawn over
the meeting." This is the highest Quaker phrase.

Thursday Morning. The church question was discussed all
the morning. Wendell spoke again. Garrison made a
long speech for the Amendment. Finally the whole
question was laid on the table and then it was settled.
The vote to lay on the table was carried 80 some thing
to 40 something or 50 something. You see that but
few voted. We all voted against laying it on the
table as we wished to vote the Amendment down
but they prevailed owing to the secret church hatred
that prevailed. [Mrs. ~~Mattie~~ Dines]

proper bad. Wendell's resolution was put & not carried.
Edm^t then took the Chair and said he wished to thank
the Convention for the honour done him in putting him into
the Chair at first, & as then laying Mr Phillips' Resolution
on the table was equivalent to not approving of his conduct,
he begged leave to retire from the Chair. He wrapped his clo-
thing round him with more dignity & walked down into the
seat before the platform. Friends Jackson who was one of
the N. P's looked very pale & feeble asked what action
should be taken. On which Wendell made another speech
in which he said by laying his resolution on the table
a virtual dissolution of the Convention was declared for
all the ~~Abolitionists~~^{officers} on^{ce} it to themselves to resign. We
spoke well I assured you. Then Garrison came forward &
assure you he did his duty. For once he stood by his
friends. Foster spoke several times and as he tried to
assume the crown of martyrdom, every time Garrison
pulled it off. Finally Biddle moved that simply we
sustain the course of the Chair - There was more talk
& right over the heads of all the ill pillars of granite
and light minded law pines in the world the vote was
carried with but one dissenting vote and amid
thunders of applause and hubbubs the President took
the seat of honor. Foster then made a little speech
taking leave of the Convention, and it was understood
as though he would never come near a Convention
again, but he says that he was wholly misinformed
he should not have left the Convention if it had been to
be held a day more. The hearts of all were culling
people were cheered, & moderate put down, a few good
simple funds were received, but I doubt not they will
get comfortable. Sunday resolution which you will see we
passed. Wendell made a fine speech at the last on
the Constitution. Stanton, Wright and a few other friends
were there. Eliza Wright's in presence during told you of
Garrison took tea with us. The Property Convention was a poor
thing. They ought to be obliged to Cain Ballou for coming to put
them down. A. M. Weston